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PECO has the message...

Emergency Power Operating Event

15 hours off the grid.

Amateur Radio Awareness Day
September 17

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Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the **second non-holiday Wednesday** of every month except July and August at

The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill

801 Ridge Pike

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799

All visitors are welcome!

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at

Northeast High School,

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

Sharp! Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz ⇄ 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz

Reach us on Echolink through WU3I-L

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From The Patriarch...

**Event at
500 Troxel Road,
Lansdale, PA 19446,**

I am scheduling a **work party** to move all the parts, bins, drawers, cables, bits and pieces presently in my radio workshop area to my grade level shop on **Saturday and Sunday, September 10-11, 2005.**



Workers, of course , have first dibs on any and all.

The **following weekend, September 17-18** will host a ***sale/giveaway*** of all this material. Some equipment will be priced to sell--the balance will go for free.

Anything left after Sunday 9/11 goes into the dumpster. (No significance attached to this date)

de W3BBB



Congratulations, Benji, N3VYA

....winner of the 2005 Haring Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship committee of the Foundation for Amateur Radio has unanimously selected Benjamin E. Jack, N3VYA, of Huntingdon Valley, PA, as the recipient of Phil-Mont's 2005 Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship and \$2,000 grant. Benji is 20 years old, and beginning his third year at Columbia University.

N3VYA is well known to many Phil-Monters, who remember him

checking in regularly on .03 as long as ten years ago, while he was still in elementary school in Rydal. Not only did he hold N3VYA at age 10, but he was also trustee of his school's club station! (How many other 20-year-old hams have already had to renew their 10-year licenses?)

Benji is entering his Junior year at the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Columbia

University, NYC. He plans to major in Electrical Engineering with a minor in music. Although Benji devotes much of his time to academics, he is also very involved in the Columbia theatre community.

Last semester, he oversaw the sound design for Columbia's biggest theatrical event, the annual student-created "Varsity Show."

Technically-oriented theatre projects such as this one have given him the opportunity to use his skills and electronics knowledge (much of which he learned at an early age as a Ham) in a creative way. As far as Ham Radio in particular is concerned, Benji has been involved in the Columbia University ARC since last year and plans to participate in some club shack construction/repair projects this coming semester.

Upon graduating from Columbia, Benji hopes to continue working in an environment that combines creative thinking and technical challenges.

Benji, we are very pleased and proud to have you as our 2005 Haring Memorial Scholarship awardee, and we wish you continued success in your Junior year at Columbia.

**Virus/Computer History-
Part II: 1991-2005**
de Ted N3OWM
will conclude next month.

Amateur Radio Awareness Day to Feature Emergency Power Operating Event

ARRL HQ, NEWINGTON, CT, August 20, 2005--What makes Amateur Radio unique is the ability to communicate with one another anywhere in the world--and even in orbit--without having to rely on any outside infrastructure whatsoever. Hams can even do this without even being plugged into the wall socket.

Experienced radio amateurs take this capability for granted, but the general public is far less aware of it. So, an Emergency Power Operating Event (EPOE) on Amateur Radio Awareness Day, Saturday, September 17, will highlight Amateur Radio's ability to communicate worldwide without commercial mains, the Internet or a cellular telephone system.

"What better way to mark Amateur Radio Awareness Day than by calling attention to this unique capability?" says ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ. "It is particularly appropriate since September is the [Department of Homeland Security's](#) National Preparedness Month."

Amateur Radio Awareness Day activities typically focus on increasing public awareness. Past events have included public demonstrations, talks to community groups and getting local media coverage. According to DHS, National Preparedness Month is aimed at encouraging Americans to prepare for emergencies and to raise public awareness about the importance of being prepared.

This Amateur Radio Awareness Day, September 17, the ARRL will sponsor a 15-hour Emergency Power Operating Event for stations operating off the grid. "It is not a contest," Sumner stresses. "It is simply a demonstration of what we amateurs can do without having to rely on the commercial mains, and what we *will* do whenever the need arises."

An announcement in September *QST* (page 49) spells out the details. The event kicks off at 1300 UTC on Saturday, September 17, and wraps up at 0400 UTC on September 18. The ARRL is inviting home stations to operate from generator or battery power. Portable and mobile stations also may participate. "We hope home stations operating on batteries or generators, mobiles, and possibly even some portables will participate," Sumner says, "although unlike Field Day, the emphasis is not on setting up a temporary station, but rather on operating your regular station on emergency power."

There is no set exchange; contacts may be casual, but operators are encouraged to share information on their emergency power sources in addition to the traditional signal report, name and location.

ARRL Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be on the air for the event, running on emergency power from its 60-kW emergency backup diesel generator. W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, says the whole point is to showcase that Amateur Radio is prepared during National Preparedness Month--"and any time, for that

matter," he adds. A special QSL will be available to stations contacting W1AW while running from an emergency power source. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with all QSL card requests, and indicate on your card the emergency power source used. (Address cards to W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.)

"I hope we can work stations operating on emergency power in all 50 states," says Sumner. "It should be a lot of fun, and we may even learn something!"

The League is encouraging participating radio amateurs or groups to invite local [Citizen Corps](#) leaders to see Amateur Radio installations in emergency power mode.

"The two events offer great opportunities for Amateur Radio to showcase its valued service to the nation," said ARRL Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO. She urges ARRL-affiliated clubs and Field Organization volunteers to take advantage of the occasion to set up public demonstrations of Amateur Radio and to present or even demonstrate--under the banner of National Preparedness Month--the free services Amateur Radio provides to the community.

ARRL Club/Mentoring Program Manager Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, believes a public Emergency Power Operating Event offers a great opportunity to recruit prospective hams for licensing classes clubs that may be forming this fall.

Spread The Word

--de Al W3STW,
PMRC President

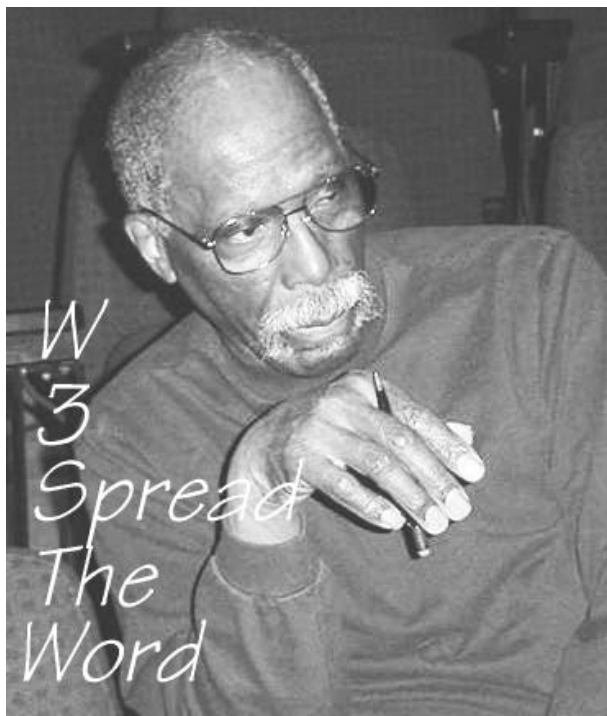


photo: WA3KIO

With the proposal to eliminate element 1 (5 wpm Morse Code) requirement from the Amateur Radio licensing process, interest in licensing upgrading is bound to cross the minds of many.

For those who hold a valid Tech Plus license (post 1987) seeking to up grade, I hope you have your original 5-wpm CSCE to prove it. If you have lost your 5 wpm CSCE the ARRL VEC may be able to help you, telephone 860 594 0300 (are you a member?).

If however, proof has to come via you processing paper work through the FCC, I hope you are in the universal licensing system (ULS). If you're not registered in the ULS at the time you seek FCC services your request will be returned without action.

To get into the ULS register with the FCC. Point your Web browser to <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls> and click on "TIN (tax identification number)/CALL Sign Registration" and follow the menu driven instructions.



**Monthly
Phil-Mont VE Exam
Sessions
resume September 8**

**Our VE team is chaired
by Dusty Rhoads ND3Q**

(See page 2 for details)

I tried this but I got a "Page Cannot Be Displayed" message. I tried this because I have a FRN (federal registration number) and was in doubt the FCC would process my license renewal paper work with only a FRN. That concern turned out to be a moot point because as a member of the ARRL they did all the necessary paper work.

"Spread The Word";

find that CSCE

73 Al (W3STW)

Important *Upcoming Directory Supplement*

With the October Blurb you will receive the 2004 Directory Supplement. It will contain new member information plus corrections and additions received during the last six months.

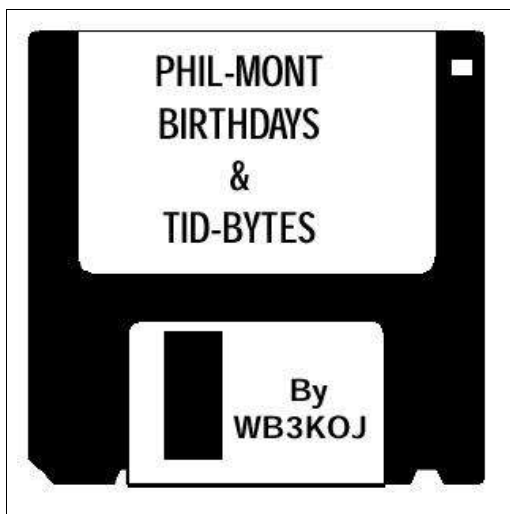
If you have any changes that you would like included, I must receive them by September 12th.

In addition, the Supplement will feature the "electronic mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their E-Mail addresses.

If you would like your cell phone listed in place of your work phone, please indicate your desire.

If you would have a change, send your information to me at:

wb3koj@comcast.net or
Don Gordon
641 Kismet Road
Philadelphia PA 19115



Membership Stats

..at press time, PMRC has:
95 full paid members
10 family members
1 youth members
2 pending members
0 honorary members

September Birthdays

01 Sol Volen - N3UBY
05 George Walmsley - W3DO
07 Steve Walko - K3PHL
13 Marge Concordia (XYL WB3KAC)
15 Bob Freer - W3YLT
17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)
20 Michael Taraborrelli - N3MT
23 Jan Colucci (XYL KB3HOE)
24 Virginia Buono (XYL WA3ADI)

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525 Dogwood Drive
Maple Glen, PA 19002
215-646-5892
License Class - General (Exp. 04/29/07)
DOB: 04/01/30
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Ambler, PA 19002
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Occupation: Retired
email: wnichelson@snip.net
Spouse: Joan
DOB: 3/11

HELP
DE W3PXY

I have 3 Kenwood radios all with the same problem

TM 221A
TM 251
TS 820S

The readouts go blinking and bonkers on all three.

Useless for mobile and HF

Sent a letter to Kenwood, 2 months no reply.

All ideas welcome

Date	September 2005 with PMRC
Thu 01	
Fri 02	
Sat 03	
Sun 04	NCS: 2m: K3XS HF N3QV
Mon 05	Labor Day
Tue 06	
Wed 07	PMRC board meets at WRDV
Thu 08	VE exams resume – see p2
Fri 09	
Sat 10	
Sun 11	NCS: 2m:WU3I HF:KB3IV-Grandparents' Day
Mon 12	
Tue 13	
Wed 14	PMRC General meeting at Masonic Village – see p2
Thu 15	
Fri 16	
Sat 17	Amateur Radio Awareness Day-EPOE
Sun 18	NCS: 2m:WB3KOJ HF: W3STW
Mon 19	
Tue 20	
Wed 21	
Thu 22	
Fri 23	
Sat 24	
Sun 25	NCS:2m and 75m: W3BBB
Mon 26	
Tue 27	
Wed 28	
Thu 29	
Fri 30	

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